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Joshua Mahoney
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
1685 E Street
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Re: Comments regarding the tentative Order for Hathaway, LLC, Kern-Tulare Water District, and Jasmin Ranchos Mutual Water Company

Dear Mr. Mahoney:

The California Independent Petroleum Association (CIPA) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments in support of the project proposed by Hathaway, LLC, Kern-Tulare Water District and Jasmin Ranchos Mutual Water Company. CIPA is a non-profit, non-partisan trade association representing approximately 450 independent oil and natural gas producers, royalty owners, and service and supply companies throughout the state of California.

CIPA stands in strong support of projects that help enhance clean and reliable water sources for agriculture purposes. This project represents an innovative solution to our state's persistent drought crisis and stands to further bolster our state's ability to continue to feed the nation. These benefits are realized while also strengthening the Central Valley's local economy. Additionally, it is important to note that laboratory results have consistently shown non-detectable results, and in cases of detectable concentrations, results have been significantly under California Maximum Concentration Levels. These results are consistent with findings by your Food Safety Expert Panel and well within the parameters established by your Board.

We appreciate your thoughtful consideration of this project. Should you wish to discuss our support or the project's merits further, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (661) 477-0401.

Sincerely,

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Willie Rivera
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